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In re application of

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For: CELLULAR BASE STATION WITH INTEGRATED MULTIPONT
RADIO ACCESS AND INTERCELL LINKING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
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Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-
identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 26, 34 and 42 as follows:

~~26. (Twice amended) An interface system at a base station in a cell within a cellular wireless network for providing bi-directional wireless communications to Network Interface Units (NIUs) within the cell and for providing a point to point direct inter-cell radio link for communicating with a base station in a neighboring cell comprising;~~ an ATM multi-services switch equipped with a first one or more radio interface card for providing wireless communications between the base station and the NIUs and a second one or more interface card for providing the direct inter-cell radio link.